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1. SUMMARY: INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MISSION CONTACTS WITH DANISH OECD DEL SUGGEST EARLY BILATERAL CONTACT WITH GERMAN GOVERNMENT RE UN CONVENTION (UNC) WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL. END SUMMARY.

2. MISSION HAS JUST LEARNED FROM DANISH OECD DEL THAT DANISH MINISTER FOR ECAFFAIRS RECENTLY SENT LETTERS TO GERMAN MINISTERS OF ECONOMICS AND OF FINANCE URGING THAT FRG NOT ADHERE TO UNC, AND STRESSING ECONOMIC DAMAGE THAT WOULD BE DONE TO DENMARK IF UNC WERE SIGNED. SUBSEQUENTLY, DANISH DEL UNDERSTANDS THAT GERMAN MINECAFF AND JUSTICE MINISTRY ARE BOTH SHOWING GREATER INTEREST IN ISSUE, AND ARE BEGINNING TO OPPOSE GERMAN TRANSPORT MINISTRY ON QUESTION OF SIGNING UNC. (TRANSPORT MINISTRY HAS BEEN PUSHING FOR GERMAN ADHERENCE TO UNC.) IN VIEW OF THIS, DANISH OECD DEL HAS REQUESTED HIS AUTHORITIES TO MAKE EVEN HIGHER LEVEL APPROACH TO GERMAN GOVERNMENT, IN ORDER TO SUPPORT ANTI-UNC ELEMENT. THEY FEEL THAT SUCH APPROACH SHOULD BE AT HIGHEST LEVEL POSSIBLE, EITHER BY DANISH AMBASSADOR, OR BY WAY OF LETTER FROM DANISH PRIME MINISTER TO GERMAN CHANCELLOR, SINCE QUESTION IS NOW ONE OF DIFFERENCE OF OPINION AMONG GERMAN MINISTRIES.

3. MISSION URGES BILATERAL US CONTACT WITH GERMANS AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO HELP SUPPORT ANTI-UNC GROUP IN FRG. THIS SHOULD NOT WAIT ON CONTACTS WITH NUMBER OF COUNTRY CAPS SUGGESTED IN REF A. GERMAN DECISION NOT TO SIGN UNC WOULD BE KEY ELEMENT IN INFLUENCING OTHER OECD COUNTRIES NOT TO SIGN.
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